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A New Look for Law Enforcement

FCSO Deputies Wear New Uniforms

FREDERICK, Md. (Dec. 31, 2020) – Starting Saturday, Jan. 2, Frederick County residents will see a new look from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies as they will all start wearing a new uniform.

"The transition started in April when COVID restrictions prevented deputies from getting their uniforms dry cleaned," said Sheriff Chuck Jenkins. "Although I've always favored the traditional uniform look, the need to make a transition presented itself and deputies were temporarily approved to wear the tan tactical pants and black polo shirts typically worn for special assignments and events."

The Sheriff stated over the last eight months the less formal attire looked just as sharp as the traditional uniform and proved to be much easier to clean. The tactical pants and polo shirts proved to be practical, functional, comfortable, and much more durable for daily wear. Thus began the transition to the new, permanent uniform.

The deputies official uniform transitions from a dark brown shirt, light brown pants, and black boots to a long or short sleeve olive green polo, coyote-colored tactical pants, and coyote-colored boots. The front of the shirt will show the FCSO badge on the left breast and the deputies name and ranks (only for corporal and above) on the right breast. On the right and left sleeve and on the back "Sheriff" is printed in reflective lettering.

"I really believe you can argue that the new look may be slightly less intimidating to the general public and presents just as well," said Jenkins. "Other huge benefits to this change, now and long term, include the tremendous cost savings in issuing and replacing the uniform and associated dry cleaning."

This is the first uniform change for the FCSO for several decades. Approximately 185 sworn officers will be transitioning into this new uniform.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency; an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of

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